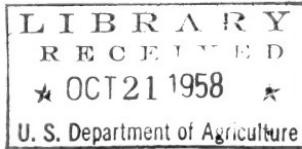




*A glimpse of our  
Display Garden*



SEASON 1958 - 1959

# Crombie Rose Nursery

998 MacARTHUR BLVD. · SAN LEANDRO · CALIFORNIA  
Telephone Sweetwood 8-3122

# MAIL ORDERS

## *Read Carefully When Ordering*

Roses can be successfully sent by parcel post or express during the dormant season (*December to March*). Shipping and packing costs prohibit sending plants in containers, during the growing season.

Out of town orders of \$10.00 or more will be shipped prepaid. On orders less than \$10.00 please add \$1.00 to cover cost of packing and mailing.

*To insure prompt delivery we do not ship our roses C.O.D.*

Kindly mail remittance with order. Within California, 4% Sales Tax must be added.

Orders booked in advance will receive priority, in varieties that are scarce. If you have a second choice, please give us permission to substitute.

Please advise approximate shipping date.

Upon arrival of your order, immerse plants in water for 1-hour (no longer). In the event that dry and windy weather prevails after planting, a practice of wetting down the canes several times each day will prove most beneficial to the plants.

## *Guarantee—Bare-Root*

Our roses are all No. 1 grade, unless otherwise designated. We guarantee them to be true to name, alive and healthy. If a rose does not start to grow within 30 days after purchase, please notify us.

Note—Our nursery is certified by the California State Agricultural Dept. as free from all pests and diseases. This allows us to ship under "Pinto tag" (inspection-free) privileges into practically every county in California. *This assures prompt delivery.*

## *Free Local Delivery*

Deliveries are made by our trucks Tuesday or Wednesday of each week.

## *A Gift that Grows—A Crombie Rose*



## FOREWORD

In preparation for a new Rose season, we review, with interest, the progress made during the past thirty years of CROMBIE ROSES. We have certainly kept abreast of the times in streamlining the many operations that are necessary in bringing you the very best in Roses. However, we continue to draw the line on certain "streamlining" that we cannot accept. We refuse to submit your Rose to waxing, root-wrapping, or compressed packaging. CROMBIE ROSES will always be kept in a growing environment from the fields to your garden. The laws of Nature cannot be tampered with, nor ignored. We accept these laws, and will continue to treat a Rose as a living thing. You are assured of receiving a healthy, living rose plant, and that we GUARANTEE.

Our experience with Roses will assist you in a wise selection of varieties for your locality; our planting instructions, if followed will assure your success. It is intelligent to buy ROSES from ROSE SPECIALISTS.

Our crop of roses for the coming season is one of the finest in years. Each plant will live up to a reputation of "Crombie Quality." We remind you that all patented roses have a standard set price. Top quality is the bonus you receive when you plant Crombie Roses.

Sincerely,

*Vern P. Golie*

### VISIT YOUR MUNICIPAL ROSE GARDEN

We, who are fortunate in living in the East Bay area, are within easy access to Oakland's and Berkeley's splendid Municipal Rose Gardens, and have a decided advantage when making selections of rose varieties that will do well in our locality.

Visit your local Rose Garden often. It will be worth your while. There you will find rose varieties, both old and new, planted in mass effect and properly grown.

Why not join the American Rose Society? We will be glad to send in your application.

# *Cultural Directions*

PLANTING is the most important procedure in the life of a rose-bush, and in the production of first-quality blooms. In reality, it is transplanting that you are doing. Your rose-bush has been grown for two years before you receive it, in the very best of soil and cultural conditions in the Nursery fields. It was watered and sprayed regularly and intelligently; it was ripened and dug at the proper time of the year. We have been most careful in our attention since that time, to guard against any loss of vitality. The roots have never been allowed to dry out, and the tops have been shaded against excessive wind and sun. In simple words, we treat our bare-root roses as patients recovering from a major operation. Won't you do the same?

See that the roots are never allowed to dry. Immersing them in a bucket of water for a few minutes before planting will assure ample moisture. Follow our planting guide (on page 6) carefully. *Never fill the hole with water before planting.* Planting first, then watering seals the earth around the roots without making mud, and recreates the soil firmness and texture in which the rose was originally grown. The first watering is the most important. *Make it thorough.*

WATERING: There is no "rule of thumb" for watering roses. Type of soil, time of year, size and age of bushes, temperature — all these are factors to be considered. *Important* to remember, — a rose-bush is working and producing 10 months of the year. It is a heavy feeder and must have ample moisture at all times. One good SATURATION is better than a half-dozen sprinklings.

FERTILIZATION: Great experimentation goes on in scientific feeding of plants, as well as of people. Being somewhat old-fashioned, and having grown roses for many years with (shall we modestly say?) a fair degree of success, we are loathe to change our formula. "Organic fertilizer" (Cow-manure to the dirt-gardener) applied in the late winter or early spring should be all the food necessary to produce the first crop of flowers. A good sized shovel-full per plant should be worked into the soil lightly and gradually, during the spring months. In the case of heavy soil or old rose beds, we recommend Lime or Soil Sulphur or both, applied in conjunction with the manure, at the rate of 5 lbs. per 100 sq. ft.

Immediately after the spring crop of blooms you will find that a liberal hand-full of one of the well-known balanced commercial fertilizers worked into the soil, will materially strengthen the second crop in June and July. We

## *Cultural Directions*

strongly recommend a late summer (August and September) application. "Roses in December" are dependent upon the treatment they receive in early fall. Let's be liberal, and they will say "Thank-You".

**SPRAYING:** This is a problem we all must face, if we are to grow strong, healthy bushes with attractive flowers. Don't wait until your garden is heavily infested, but spray regularly and often. The amount of spray material you use and the pressure with which it is applied are of great importance. Get a good spray tank, the size dependent upon the number of roses you have, and use it often — every week during the early season. Always wash the spray tank out thoroughly after each using, to avoid corrosion. Several brands of all purpose spray material on the market today are safe and satisfactory. A reminder — always irrigate roses thoroughly the day before spraying.

**PRUNING:** This is the most controversial phase of rose growing, and most rose authorities have decided opinions on how it should be done. Heavy, medium, light, — or no pruning at all, — each of these methods has advantages which are dependent on what you desire, and on the varieties that you are growing.

The important thing is to be able to recognize *young wood* and to distinguish it from old. Keep your bush young, and you have the essence of growing good flowers. Cut away the two-year-old canes, and the light twiggy branches. Then the question of how far back to cut the remaining young canes is entirely optional with you.

Realizing the wide variance of opinion upon this subject, and the difficulty of doing it justice with the pen, we are going to conduct public pruning demonstrations during January, here in our Test Garden, at the Nursery. You are invited. The dates will be announced in the local newspapers. (Saturdays and Sundays only)

If you have any questions on Rose Culture, that we have not answered in the above paragraphs, we will be happy to hear from you.

**CAUTION:** Loosen wire labels on rose bushes each year. Failure to do so may result in girdling and consequent loss of plant.

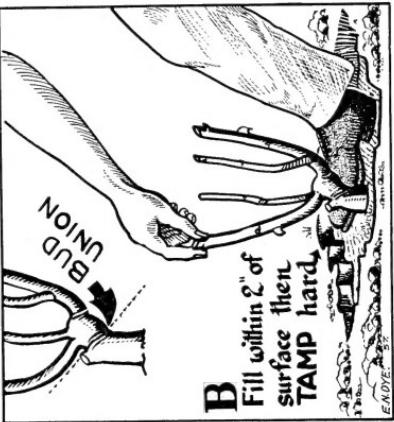
**HOW TO PLANT A ROSE**  
 (BARE-ROOT)

DECEMBER THROUGH MARCH

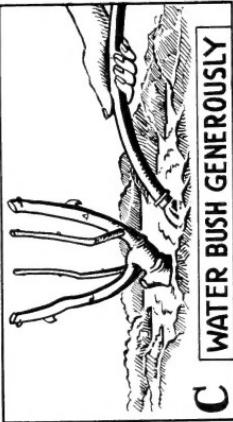
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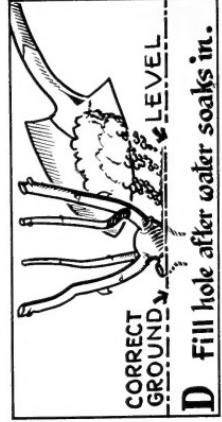
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**STEP No. 3**



**C WATER BUSH GENEROUSLY**



**CONE OF EARTH**

Hole of ample width and depth to accommodate roots without twisting or bending. Bottom of hole must be loose and a rich soil mixture. Addition of a small amount of fertilizer or bone meal (or both) thoroughly mixed in the cone-shaped bottom. Place plant in hole, spread roots, hold in position, while filling in loose rich top soil. Fill to within 2 or 3 inches of surface, press firmly with heel of shoe (this is important).



## New Grandiflora Class

"GRANDIFLORA"—a new class has been created, "HYBRID TEAS," the large flowered varieties, we all know. "FLORIBUNDAS," we have learned to know and to admire in recent years. (Those cluster types that flower throughout the season.) Our scientific plant breeders have crossed the two types with the magnificent result, that today we introduce to you the new "GRANDIFLORA ROSE," combining the good qualities of both parents.

### CARROUSEL \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1066

Another new "Grandiflora" that has certainly proved itself a champion wherever it is grown. An abundance of vivid deep red blooms are borne in clusters or singly on long stems. The plant is tall and shapely, well clothed with shining disease resistant foliage. Excellent as a tall hedge. 3½-4'

### BUCCANEER \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1119

A most satisfying, large growing yellow rose, flowering either singly or in clusters. The long slim golden-yellow buds open to unfading pure yellow blooms. A tall vigorous plant, free branching, with clean leathery foliage. If grown as a "pillar" it will be 8-10 feet tall, and never entirely out of bloom. It is a very striking accent plant.

### MONTEZUMA \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1383

The most highly praised rose in years. After displaying it at the California Spring Garden Show, we were sold out within weeks. A brilliant coppery-red changing to orange-scarlet. The buds are beautifully formed and open to large high-centered flowers. Blooms freely. 4-4½'

### QUEEN ELIZABETH \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1259

An aristocrat amongst roses. The offspring of two All-American winners Charlotte Armstrong and Floradora, and herself the winner for 1955. A clear pink, deepening as it ages, long strong stems, blooms borne singly or in clusters. With as many blooms as a Floribunda, but with the perfection of form of a Hybrid Tea. Excellent strong upright growth, foliage clean and glossy, heavily textured, and clothing the entire bush to the ground. A truly regal rose. 4½-5'

### STARFIRE \$3.50

P.A.F.

All-American winner for 1959. Urn-shaped, scarlet buds, currant-red blooms borne singly and in clusters on a tall, upright bush clothed in bronzy-green foliage. Having watched this new grandiflora in the test gardens we feel we can recommend it highly. Excellent for cutting. 4-5'

**"Quality is never an ACCIDENT. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort and skillful execution."**

# Bush Roses

The Best of the  
NEW AND OLD VARIETIES

## PRICES (BARE-ROOT)

On orders of 10 or more plants (bushes and climbers combined) you may deduct 10%. This does not apply to tree roses or special collections.

**AUTUMN** ..... \$1.50

Autumn shades—orange, gold and carmine.  
Shining foliage. Will mildew if neglected.  
Tall and spreading. 3-4'

**AZTEC** ..... \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1648

The Originators say "this is the hottest rose color yet." Brilliant scarlet-orange blooms are stopping all who see it right in their tracks. Last year we were sold out at the start of the season so order yours early. 3'

**CAPISTRANO** ..... \$2.00



PATENT NO. 922

With closed eyes, one can walk through a rose garden and readily detect the presence of "Capistrano" by its delightful pure rose fragrance. The tall vigorous bush produces perfect blooms of a deep rich shade of rose pink. 4-5'

**CARELESS LOVE** ..... \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1582

Genuinely unique; strikingly similar to a variegated camellia in coloring, it combines red with white streaks, or whole petals rose and white, pink and white, and occasionally you might be surprised to find a pure pink, or an apricot-yellow bloom right on the same stem as the others. The plants are vigorous, producing fragrant flowers steadily through the season. 3'

**CHARLES MALLERIN** ..... \$2.50

PATENT NO. 993

This beautiful deep black-red rose attracts immediate attention. Intensely fragrant, perfectly formed blooms last for days. We suggest it be planted in the background, as the plant is inclined to grow tall and rather awkwardly. 3½'

**CHARLOTTE ARMSTRONG** \$2.25



PATENT NO. 455

The Armstrong Nurseries call this rose the "Queen of them All" and most people agree. Long slim reddish buds open to cerise bloom which turn rose-pink in hot weather. Large sturdy plant, very free-flowering, with disease resistant foliage. For sixteen years this rose has been called "tops", and is the parent of many successful modern roses. As a standard, in the back lawn at the Crombie ranch, it creates favorable comment all thru the season. 3-4'

**CHRYSLER IMPERIAL** ..... \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1167

A glowing red that seems to have all the best qualities of a rose. Agreed to be one of the best All Americans. There can be no happier sight in your garden than a well-grown Chrysler flowering freely; its large, rich, unfading crimson blooms, its clean foliage, and its breath-taking fragrance. Excellent as a cut flower. A prize-winner in many shows. 3-3½'

**DIAMOND JUBILEE** ..... \$2.25



PATENT NO. 824

Very large blooms of warm glowing buff yellow. High centered buds slowly open to many petalled blooms that seem to last for days. The plant is large and bushy, well clothed with clean leathery foliage. 4'

**DUQUESA DE**

**PENERANDA** ..... \$1.50

A favorite for cutting. Long orange-apricot buds open to peach bloom. Upright vigorous growth. Shining foliage. 2½'



All America Rose Selections winners are identified with the AARS symbol. This is a mark of distinct qualification as these roses are severely tested throughout the United States and judged on merit by experienced, critical horticulturists.

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<b>ECLIPSE</b>	\$1.50
Truly a streamlined rose. Long slim golden yellow buds open to soft yellow shapely blooms. Tall upright growth, heavy clean foliage. Fragrant, long stems for cutting. 4'	
<b>ENA HARKNESS</b>	\$1.50
Long shapely buds are borne on strong stems, the open blooms retaining a clear red color until the petals fall. A red favorite with us. 2½'	
<b>ETOILE DE HOLLANDE</b>	\$1.50
Since 1919 this has been known as the "best red rose." In bush, climber or tree form it will give you constant joy throughout the season. 3-4'	
<b>FIRST LOVE</b>	\$2.25
PATENT NO. 921 A soft, clear pink, flowering profusely on a tall vigorous plant. Long tapering buds, borne singly on straight, strong stems. Even in a garden of spectacular brilliance, this modest, gentle beauty attracts constant attention. A bowl of First Love often steals the show. The most prolific bloomer in our test-garden. 4'	
<b>FORTY-NINER</b>	\$2.25
PATENT NO. 792 A vivid bicolor with Oriental red petals faced with chrome yellow. Medium sized blooms which fade in hot weather. Strong, upright plants and very few thorns. 3'	
<b>FRED EDMUND</b>	\$2.00
PATENT NO. 731 Rated by the American Rose Society amongst the country's ten best roses. Brilliant orange buds open to a sort of burnt-copper bloom, attracting surprised attention wherever it is shown. Clean and shining foliage. Not a robust growing plant but very free flowering. 2½'	
<b>GAIL BORDEN</b>	\$3.00
PATENT NO. 1618 An outstanding performer in most test gardens. We consider it a 'must have.' High-centered buds of pastel-pink and apricot tones open to large lovely shaped blooms. 3-3½'	
<b>GOLDEN SCEPTRE</b>	\$2.00
PATENT NO. 910 Another of our blue ribbon winners at the California Spring Garden Show. A medium long pointed bud, opening to a large high centered semi-double bloom, holding its color until the golden yellow petals fall. Fragrant, free blooming, clean varnished foliage. 3-3½'	
<b>GRANDE DUCHESS</b>	
<b>CHARLOTTE</b>	\$2.00
PATENT NO. 774 This rose is still one of our favorites and again we ask for help in describing its unusual color. It has been described as "Claret," "Geranium Red," "Burnt Carmine" and even "Tomato Red." Fine upright growth. Clean foliage. Excellent for cutting. 4'	
<b>HELEN TRAUBEL</b>	\$2.75
PATENT NO. 1028 Beautifully formed, light sparkling pink with apricot shadings. Seldom out of bloom. All American for 1952 and still one of the favorites amongst "Show" roses. Magnificent buds open slowly to blooms of about 27 petals of two-toned perfect flowers. Often we hear the remark, "Worthy of her namesake." 4'	
<b>ISOBEL HARKNESS</b>	\$2.75
P.A.F. We consider this new rose to rate with the very best in the yellow class. A robust, handsomely foliated Hybrid Tea with plenty of long tapering buds and graceful open flowers. Shapely growth. 3½'	
<b>J. OTTO THILOW</b>	\$1.50
A truly pink rose, with no other shading. It really has everything. Long slim buds, unfading open bloom. Vigorous. Disease resistant. 3½'	
<b>JUNO</b>	\$2.50
PATENT NO. 895 An Armstrong introduction for 1950. Very large ovoid bud, opening to full high centered bloom of bright, clear pink. Leathery foliage. Disease resistant. Continuous bloomer. 2½'	
<b>KORDES PERFECTA</b>	\$3.50
PATENT NO. 1604 Considered the crowning achievement by the great hybridizer Wilhelm Kordes and perhaps the most talked about rose in recent years. A flashing new color. Cream white buds edged with carmine, which color spreads throughout as the flower opens to a combination of pink, white and yellow. Fragrant. 3-3½'	
<b>LADY ELGIN</b>	\$2.50
PATENT NO. 1469 A combination of orange and apricot. The large, full, shapely buds come on long, strong stems, excellent for cutting. Sturdy plants with good foliage. 3'	



ALL AMERICA ROSE SELECTION

# Bush Roses

<b>MARK SULLIVAN</b>	<b>\$1.75</b>		<b>\$2.50</b>
PATENT NO. 599		PATENT NO. 591	
A multi-colored rose that has "everything." The first rose to bloom in the spring and often the last to stop flowering at frost. Gives you a magnificent splash of color in your garden. Remarkable blending of color tones, rich gold, heavily veined and shaded with rose-pink and cerise. Glossy foliage. Sturdy and vigorous. 3½'		A magnificent rose, when well-grown. We have never seen a color-picture of Peace that does it justice. A wonderful large golden yellow bud, streaked with red, opens to a soft yellow edged with pink. The full bloom, huge, many-petalled, is a delicate pink, or ivory depending upon the weather or the location of the bush. It is a most illusive combination of robust growth and delicacy of shadings that it must be seen to be appreciated. It is ten years since this French rose was imported and granted the All American award, but it is still placed in a class of its own at Rose Shows. Do not prune too heavily, and you may enjoy these blooms all season long. 3-4'	
<b>McGREDY'S YELLOW</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>		
Bright buttercup-yellow, throughout the season. Glossy foliage. Excellent for cutting. 3'			
<b>MME. HENRI GUILLOT</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>		
The Blue Ribbon Rose of many flower shows, and a "must have" in every garden. Large urn-shaped buds open to truly Camellia-like blooms of glowing tones of reddish orange, rose and coral pink. Clean glossy foliage. Disease resistant. 3'			
<b>MOJAVE</b>	<b>\$2.75</b>		
PATENT NO. 1176		PATENT NO. 1523	
Radiant orange is the dominant color, highlighted by flame-like tones of scarlet and vermillion. A daughter of Charlotte Armstrong. The vigorous bush of Mojave produces amazing numbers of beautiful long tapering buds. 3-4'		Gold Medal Winner in 1957 this lovely deep pink rose is truly an excellent addition to the new roses. Long pointed buds nestled in an abundance of glossy, dark-green disease resistant foliage. 3'	
<b>MRS. PIERRE S. DUPONT</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>		
This good yellow rose will probably bloom more profusely than any other rose in your garden. This is especially true in hot climates. Rich green foliage. Fragrant. 2½'			
<b>MRS. SAM McGREDY</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>		
Since 1929 this rose has been known as "best of the type." No garden is complete without it. Scarlet-orange buds open to apricot and bronze blooms. Reddish foliage. Low spreading growth. Fragrant. 2½'			
<b>PICTURE</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>		
Perfectly formed, medium-sized pink blooms. Tea fragrance. Upright. Well-balanced growth. 2'			
<b>PINK FAVORITE</b>	<b>\$2.50</b>		
PATENT NO. 1523			
Gold Medal Winner in 1957 this lovely deep pink rose is truly an excellent addition to the new roses. Long pointed buds nestled in an abundance of glossy, dark-green disease resistant foliage. 3'			
<b>PINK PEACE</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>		
P.A.F.			
Enormous dusty-pink flowers of beautiful form carried erect on strong stems. Foliage and habit of growth similar to Peace. A Must Have. 3-3½'			
<b>PRESIDENT HERBERT HOOVER</b>	<b>\$1.50</b>		
Flaming scarlet and yellow buds open to soft pink and gold blooms. Long stems. Plant very large and vigorous. 5'			
<b>ROSE OF FREEDOM</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>		
PATENT NO. 791			
A favorite with those who prefer a large, very double red rose. The bloom is well formed with a very pleasing fragrance. The bushy plant has clean bronzy foliage with few thorns. Recommended for the coastal area. Flowers will burn in the warmer regions. 3'			



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# *Bush Roses*

**SATURNIA** ..... \$1.75

The Spring foliage is so beautiful on this variety that one might easily question the need for blooms. The vermillion bud opens to startling cardinal-red with gold facing. We can only say "Plant one and see for yourself." Highly recommended by the San Francisco Rose Society. 2½'

**SIGNORA** ..... \$1.75

A truly outstanding rose, probably the finest of its type. It is an intense combination of scarlet-orange with lighter shades of tangerine and cerise. The many-petaled flower is attractive from the bud stage until the open bloom drops its petals. Shining foliage, long strong stems, and sweet perfume make this a perfect cut flower. 4'

**SLEIGHBELLS** ..... \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1004

We have received favorable reports, many of high praise for this rose, from various localities. We consider it to be the best white rose for the bay area. Large ovoid buds open to 40 or more lovely petals, with a suggestion of primrose yellow at the base. Seldom out of bloom. Clean shining foliage. Rates high with the San Francisco Rose Society. 3'

**SNOWBIRD** ..... \$1.50

A pure white, very double, perfectly formed bloom, often likened to a camellia or a carnation. The bud is small and dainty, the open flower is about 3" in diameter and is excellent as a cut flower. Disease resistant foliage. Compact plant. Delicate perfume. 2-2½'

**STERLING SILVER** ..... \$3.00

PATENT NO. 1433

Last year we were sold out of this new novelty rose before it arrived from the fields. Again this year the supply is limited, so order early. A silver-lavender, shapely bud opens to a high-centered bloom. Upright and free blooming. 3-3½'

**SUTTER'S GOLD** ..... \$2.25

PATENT NO. 885

Yellow buds, shaded with orange, open to fine clear yellow blooms. Intensely fragrant. Has good growing habits; bushy, long stems for cutting and very few thorns. A fitting memorial of the days of gold. 3½'

**TEXAS CENTENNIAL** ..... \$1.50

For many years this has been one of the best known and most loved varieties. Being a sport of the ever popular President Hoover rose it is comparable in sturdy growth and good habits. Blood red tones in the fine strong buds, tone to cerise red in the center of the bloom as it opens. It is still a deep warm pink when the petals fall. Grows tall and bushy so allow plenty of space. 5'

**TIFFANY** ..... \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1304

1955 AARS winner in the hybrid tea class and certainly deserving of the honor. Lovely phlox-pink buds open into large high-centered perfectly formed blooms. Exceptionally fragrant. "Tiffany" has all the admirable qualities desired in a rose. 3½'

**WHITE KNIGHT** ..... \$3.00

PATENT NO. 1359

First white Hybrid Tea ever awarded the AARS honor. Truly spectacular with superb form of both bush and flower. The satiny white blossoms hold their purity color on long stems ideal for cutting. Last year's All American Award Winner. 3'

# Floribundas

(Hybrid Polyanthus)

A Recurrent blooming rose that is rapidly increasing in popularity. Useful as low hedges, or, if allowed to grow large, they make an excellent flowering shrub. They combine the hardiness of the polyanthus with the improved flowering qualities of the Hybrid Tea.

**ALAIN** ----- \$1.50

We have a 20 plant hedge of this variety, growing near our Dutton Street entrance to the Nursery. Many of you have marveled and commented on this uniform hedge of bright scarlet red that is in bloom most of the year. At the peak of its blooming period, the bush is so covered with clusters of blooms that the foliage is almost hidden. Flowers last for days. 2½'

**BETSY McCALL** ----- \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1603

We displayed 4 bushes of this variety at the front of our display at the California Spring Garden Show. We forgot to label them and as a result we received dozens of phone calls asking for the name. Soft coral with overlay of gold. A compact bush with clean foliage. 2½'-3'

**BETTY PRIOR** ----- \$1.75

One of the loveliest and most popular of all floribundas. The open blooms are much like pink Dogwood blossoms in shape, size and color. Shell pink with a carmine-pink lining. Single blooms, arranged in large branching clusters, are continuously produced in quantity. Really hardy. 3-3½'

**CAROL AMLING** ----- \$1.75

(PINK GARNETTE) PATENT NO. 1126

Introduced by Amling-DeVor Nurseries this sweet little baby pink rose produces dozens and dozens of perfectly formed 60 petaled blooms lasting for days. This beauty is enhanced by clean bronzy foliage on a shapely well-rounded plant. 2'

**CECILE BRUNNER** ----- \$1.50

The "Sweetheart Rose" needs no description. Tiny pink buds open to delightful many-petaled blooms that have been beloved since 1881. 3'

**CHINA DOLL** ----- \$2.25

PATENT NO. 678

A bright China-rose completely hides even the foliage on the low compact bushy plants. Practically thornless and excellent for trim, border or bedding as its burst of bloom comes one after the other. 15"

**CIRCUS** ----- \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1382

An exciting new floribunda with its many colors of orange, bright yellow, turning to buff with delicate shadings of soft pink. Medium to low, compact growth. 2-2½'

**COCORICO** ----- \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1193

We are receiving enthusiastic reports on this new floribunda which is from the originator of Peace. Bright and gay, this flashing orange-scarlet bloom arouses instant attention, whether in the cooler areas or in the valley heat. Continuously in bloom, good stems, excellent for cutting. Glossy disease-resistant foliage.

**FLORADORA** ----- \$1.50



The vigorous well balanced plant is clothed with shining holly-like foliage. Each stem produces clusters of medium sized, very double blooms of cinnabar, geranium red, to orange-scarlet. Cut flowers last for days. 3'

**FUSILIER** ----- \$2.50



P.R.R.  
All American Award Winner for 1958. A rich orange-red of great brilliance and luminescence which runs to a darker cherry-red in the fall of the year. Heavy clusters and wavy effect in the frilled petals of the large blooms give the luminescent effect. 2½'

**GARNETTE** ----- \$1.50

Like Carol Amling, this petite little red rose has beauty and charm, with an ability to last for days in the garden or as a cut flower. The plant is covered with an abundance of crinkled holly-like foliage. (Ideal for corsage use.) 2'

**GOLD CUP** ----- \$2.50



PATENT NO. 1683

Lovely golden-yellow that holds its color throughout the life of the flower. Since yellow floribunda are quite rare, this one with its lovely fragrance will be extremely popular. 1958 AARS award winner. 2'

# Floribundas

**GOLDILOCKS** ..... \$1.75

PATENT NO. 672

Generally called the "best yellow floribunda." Golden buds open to very double blooms nearly three inches across. The clusters come on a compact bush that makes an excellent low hedge. 1½-2'

**HEAT WAVE** ..... \$2.75

P.A.F.

The Originators say, "the hottest red yet." A fiery chines red, with highlights of persimmon and shadings of ruby. A miniature Christopher Stone. 3-3½'

**JIMINY CRICKET** .....  \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1346

Clusters of shapely blooms are evenly spread on a compact bushy plant with very good foliage. The color might be described as coral-orange to tangerine red. 2½'

**IVORY FASHION** .....  \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1688

Long slender buds open to 4" flowers with long decorative golden stamens. Very fragrant and long lasting. A well balanced bush with dark green disease resistant foliage. Free bloomer. 2'

**LILIBET** .....  \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1209

You will be attracted to this lovely new rose by its graceful habit of growth. Dozens of perfect shaped baby buds of soft pink appear on each stem. An abundance of clean foliage frames the beauty of each cluster. Buds can be cut singly on 4 to 5 inch stems or in clusters. 2½'

**LITTLE DARLING** ..... \$2.00

PATENT NO. 1581

Well named. Small 2½" perfect blooms are borne both singly and in clusters on a tall spreading disease resistant bush. A blending of orange-red changing to rose-pink with gold shadings. 3'

**MARGO KOSTER** ..... \$1.50

Unequaled where a low colorful hedge effect is desired. The plant is almost evergreen with bright green shining foliage. The soft orange to gay coral pink blooms come in clusters, a new crop of flowers quickly following the last. We "SOLD OUT" immediately after showing it in our display at the California Spring Garden Show. 1½-2'

**MASQUERADE** ..... \$2.00

PATENT NO. 975

The most exciting rose in our test garden. Clusters of yellow buds change to rose pink, gradually deepening to red. The gay color combination is suggestive of the name. 3'

**PINKIE** .....  \$2.00

PATENT NO. 712

Enthusiastic comment on this "little darling" from all over the U.S.A. Recommended as a low hedge or border plant, or for planting in boxes. Masses of dainty pink blooms throughout the season. Bushy growth. Disease resistant. Copper spray will injure foliage. 1½'

**PINK BOUNTIFUL** ..... \$1.75

PATENT NO. 601

Well named. Large clusters of soft pink bloom, likened to a smaller Picture. Clean foliage. Excellent bush. Vigorous. Holds color well. 2½'

**PINK ROSETTE** ..... \$1.75

PATENT NO. 902

The lovely blooms of pink have been compared to the rosettes on a baby's bonnet. The well-shaped plant has very few thorns and is exceptionally free of disease. Clusters of from 20 to 30 perfect buds are produced on a single stem. 2½'

**PINOCCHIO** ..... \$1.75

PATENT NO. 484

One of the first floribundas, and still popular. Pointed buds, salmon flushed with gold. As the tiny double flower opens it changes to a clear soft pink. Will last for days as a cut flower, and seems never to be without blooms in the garden. 2½'

**RED FAVORITE** ..... \$1.75

PATENT NO. 1189

We believe this to be the outstanding red floribunda. Unfading color, free blooming, clean foliage and bushy compact growth. The Crombie's have a 200 plant hedge of Red Favorite and Siren bordering the driveway at their Ceres home. 2'

**ROSENELFE** ..... \$1.50

Pure pink with a silvery reflex, fully double tiny blooms. Lovely in a flower arrangement, and quite perfect as a boutonniere. 3'

**RUBY LIPS** ..... \$2.50

P.A.F.

NEW. A free blooming glowing red. Blooms in large panicles which almost hide the plant. Excellent for a hedge or border where a showy display of color is desired. 2½'

# *Floribundas*

**SPARTAN** ----- \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1357

We believe Spartan to be the outstanding floribunda of recent years. It has everything, color, foliage, free blooming, shapely plant and regardless of locality, whether you live on the coast or in the interior valley Spartan will perform like a true Spartan. Long lasting burnt-orange buds opening to reddish coral. Excellent for cutting. Fragrant. 2-2½'

**THE FAIRY** ----- \$1.75

The fresh pink sprays of this tiny-flowered rose have charm throughout the season. The wide-spreading plant is ornamental as a shrub and fills a longfelt want for planting on terraces or in rock gardens. 2-2½'

**TOM TOM** ----- \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1671

Outstanding in its color class. A MUST HAVE. Deep crimson-pink buds open to display masses of fragrant, deep pink tightly-clustered blossoms. Very uniform compact bushy growth. New growth and foliage beautiful shade of dark red. 2½'

**WHITE BOUQUET** -  - \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1415

We are pleased with the performance of this new floribunda winner in the nursery test garden. Sparkling white, spicy fragrance; gardenia-like form. The flowers open slowly, retaining a high center. The plant is low and bushy with very disease resistant foliage. 1½-2'

## Specials During Bare-Root Season

### FLORIBUNDA TRIO

Goldilocks  
Pinkie  
Red Favorite

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### PRUNING DEMONSTRATIONS

Realizing the wide variance of opinion upon this subject, and the difficulty of doing it justice with the pen, we are going to conduct public pruning demonstrations during January, here in our Test Garden, at the Nursery. You are invited. The dates will be announced in the local newspapers. (Saturdays and Sundays only)



ALL AMERICA ROSE SELECTION

# Climbing Roses

So many new and worthwhile varieties have been developed in the past few years that we can truthfully say "There is a climbing rose suitable for any location in your garden."

**BLAZE** ..... \$1.50

A brilliant scarlet-crimson resembling Paul's Scarlet Climber in general appearance, but differing in its strong tendency to produce on established plants intermittent blooms throughout the season.

**CLG. CARROUSEL** ..... \$2.50

P.A.F.

A sport from the very popular rose Carousel. Same fine qualities as the bush. (See grandiflora description.)

**CLG. CECILE BRUNNER** ..... \$1.50

Tiny pink blooms of the "Sweetheart" rose. Very rampant and very easy to grow.

**CLG. CHARLOTTE  
ARMSTRONG** ..... \$2.50

PATENT NO. 529

After testing this new climber for the past three years we are completely sold. It has everything one could ask for. Same quality bloom and foliage as the bush, also the unusual ability of producing flowers on first year canes.

**CLG. CHRYSLER  
IMPERIAL** ..... \$2.75

PATENT NO. 1528

Those who have Chrysler Imperial in the bush form should be delighted to know that it is now available as a climber. We are pleased with its excellent performance in the rose fields. Same beautiful fragrant red blooms as the bush AARS winner for 1952.

**CORAL DAWN** ..... \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1117

An everblooming climber of Coral-Pink. The color really lasts from the dainty pointed buds to the slow-opening, graceful, long-lasting, 4½ inch blooms. The lustrous, dark green foliage is disease-resistant. A mild-growing pillar rose which produces masses of bloom on its terminal as well as the lateral canes. 6'-8'

**DESCANSO PILLAR** ..... \$2.25

PATENT NO. 943

A sensational pillar rose that seems to be entirely disease resistant. Vigorous canes of about seven feet and clothed with beautiful foliage, produce masses of long stemmed high-centered blooms. We might describe the color as clear begonia-pink shaded to rose pink.

**DON JUAN** ..... \$2.50

P.R.R.

A new pillar type rose easily confined to a limited space. Deep red exhibition blooms on long stems with dark green holly-like foliage. A repeat bloomer.

**CLG. ETOILE DE  
HOLLANDE** ..... \$1.50

Usually known as the "best red climber." Same gorgeous bloom as on the bush, and quite as free flowering. Always scarce, so order yours early.

**CLG. HEART'S DESIRE** ..... \$1.75

PATENT NO. 663

Vigorous climbing form of the bush and with identical bloom. Very fragrant. Intense scarlet bloom that is showy on a tall climber.

**HIGH NOON** ..... \$2.50

PATENT NO. 704

The multi-purpose rose. Train it on a fence or wall, grow it on a pillar or just plant it in a corner of the rose garden without supports. The tall vigorous canes grow erect producing masses of blooms on the terminal canes as well as the laterals. Medium sized perfect blooms of deep non-fading yellow.

**IMPROVED PAUL'S**

**SCARLET** ..... \$1.50

Vivid scarlet cluster rose, so well known that we won't try to describe it. In the spring it is unsurpassed as a riot of flaming bloom.

**MERMAID** ..... \$1.75

Soft sulphur-yellow single blooms come in great clusters. An excellent bank cover. Prune lightly or not at all. Disease-resistant.

**CLG. MRS. SAM  
McGREDY** ..... \$1.75

There could be no more beautiful climbing rose than this. The same glorious copper-orange-red combination as in the bush, the same reddish green foliage, and the same sweet fragrance. We can recommend this rose to you, and know that it will give you pleasure for years to come. Come see how it grows and flowers here at the Nursery.

# *Climbing Roses*

**CLG. PEACE** ..... \$2.25

PATENT NO. 932

The first year in the ground Clg. Peace appears to be a sparse bloomer, but the next year it really makes up for it. Plant is very vigorous with beautiful blooms and foliage (identical to that of the bush).

**PINK CLOUD** ..... \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1140

One of the most outstanding pillar type of roses in recent years. A moderate growing plant with very disease-resistant foliage produces clusters of medium size clear pink blooms. Perfect buds open to very shapely semi-double flowers. We have two of these growing in half-barrels on our patio at home that are constantly in bloom.

**CLG. PRESIDENT**

**HERBERT HOOVER** ..... \$1.50

A very vigorous climbing form of the popular bush rose. It is an especially brilliant sight in the late autumn.

**CLG. QUEEN ELIZABETH** ..... \$2.75

P.A.F.

So many have asked for Climbing Queen Elizabeth that we are happy to announce that it is now available in Climbing form. Same fine qualities as the bush. Excellent for cutting. (See grandiflora description.)

**CLG. SNOWBIRD** ..... \$1.50

For good clean foliage, and abundance of well formed blooms and overall good appearance. Clg. Snowbird is certainly "tops" in the class of whites. The plant is not a rampant grower so it can easily be trained on a trellis or low fence. Long lasting as a cut flower.

**CLG. SUTTER'S GOLD** ..... \$2.50

PATENT NO. 1185

Clg. Sutter's Gold should be good news to anyone who wants a tall vigorous climber that really produces a lot of beautiful flowers (identical to bush) and is well clothed with clean disease resistant foliage.

**CLG. TALISMAN** ..... \$1.50

Most gardens seem to have at least one Climbing Talisman. Probably there is no rose more universally beloved, whether for masses of beauty in the garden or for exquisite cut blooms. Multi-colored.

**CLG. TEXAS**

**CENTENNIAL** ..... \$2.50

PATENT NO. 565

Identical to the bush in habit and color range. Give it plenty of room, tie in the long strong canes, spray occasionally and you will have a magnificent sight in your garden.

**CLG. TIFFANY** ..... \$2.50

P.A.F.

We've been waiting for this and now we have it. A climbing sport of Tiffany, AARS winner of 1955. Same beautiful phlox-pink blooms as the bush. Long pointed deep pink buds lighten in color as they open, with gold shadings at the base. Very clean foliage. Excellent for cutting.

## THREE YEAR OLD ROSE BUSHES

With pride and a sense of having accomplished something worth while, we offer a beautiful assortment of the very best varieties one year older than regular stock. These plants are in containers and will produce an abundance of bloom, making an immediate garden effect.

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# Specials During Bare-Root Season

## GRANDIFLORA TRIO

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Montezuma	\$ 2.75
Queen Elizabeth	\$ 2.50
Regular	\$ 7.25
Special Price Plus Tax	\$ 6.20
You Save	\$ 1.05

## CROMBIE FAVORITE FIVE

Charlotte Armstrong	\$ 2.25
Chrysler Imperial	\$ 2.50
First Love	\$ 2.25
Helen Traubel	\$ 2.75
Peace	\$ 2.50
Regular	\$12.25
Special Price Plus Tax	\$10.50
You Save	\$ 1.75

## FOUR OF THE NEW ONES

Aztec	\$ 2.75
Isobel Harkness	\$ 2.75
Kordes Perfecta	\$ 3.50
Pink Peace	\$ 3.00
Regular	\$12.00
Special Price Plus Tax	\$10.50
You Save	\$ 1.50

## BEGINNERS SIX

Ena Harkness (Red)	\$ 1.50
McGredys Yellow (Yellow)	\$ 1.50
Picture (Light Pink)	\$ 1.50
President Herbert Hoover (Multi-color)	\$ 1.50
Snowbird (White)	\$ 1.50
Texas Centennial (Deep Pink)	\$ 1.50
Regular	\$ 7.50
Special Price Plus Tax	\$ 6.25
You Save	\$ 1.25

## FLORIBUNDA COLLECTION

Fusilier	\$ 2.50
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For descriptions see bush roses.

### *38" Stem Tree Roses*

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First Love	Sleighbells
Fred Edmunds	Snowbird
Golden Sceptre	Sutter's Gold
Helen Traubel	Texas Centennial
Isobel Harkness	The Fairy
Mark Sullivan	Tiffany
Mme. Henri Guillot	White Knight

### *26" Patio Tree Roses*

Charlotte Armstrong	Golden Sceptre
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